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### **Docket Text:**

Judge Denise J. Casper: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered. On March 3, 2014, this Court remanded to the bankruptcy court a prior appeal by Debtor-Appellant Robert Spagnuolo for determination of the limited issue of the portion of a Middlesex Superior Court jury verdict for damages that was attributable to fraud. D. 17-15 at 12 (Memorandum of Decision, dated March 3, 2014, in Spagnuolo v. Brooke-Petit, No. 13-11694). On November 17, 2014, the bankruptcy court upon remand, after review of the state court transcripts and the parties' memoranda, concluded that the whole \$250,000 jury verdict was attributable to fraud. D. 3-19 at 23. Spagnuolo now appeals this ruling arguing that the bankruptcy court erred in allocating 100% of the jury verdict award to fraud, making the entire claim of Appellee Edwina Brooke-Petit nondischargeable under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A). D. 1, D. 16 at 5. Based upon the record including the trial transcripts, D. 17-1 et seq., the special verdict form, D. 17-15, jury instructions, D. 17-1 at 59-67, 17-2, 17-16 at 20-36, the November 17, 2014 Memorandum of Decision (Feeney, J.), D. 3-19, and the briefs of the parties on appeal, D. 16 and 19, the Court concludes that the bankruptcy court did not err in finding that the entirety of the \$250,000 verdict was attributable to fraud and, therefore, nondischargeable under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A). Accordingly, the Order of the bankruptcy court, D. 3-20, is AFFIRMED, and this appeal is dismissed. (Hourihan, Lisa)

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